

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification at page 1, lines 3-6 to read as follows:

This application is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 10/266,536 filed October 8, 2002, which itself is a continuation application of application serial number ~~09/940,660~~ 09/489,660 filed January 24, 2000, now US Patent No. 6,472,897 and assigned to the same assignee, the teachings of which are hereby incorporated by reference.